

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
San Luis Valley Field Office
46525 Highway 114
Saguache, CO 81212**

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-300-2013-0009 CX

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER (optional):

PROJECT NAME: Renewal of ROW Grant COC-29333 issued to Jeff White

PLANNING UNIT:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sixth Principal Meridian, T.28S, R.73W, Sec 19, Lot 6,
Alamosa County, Colorado

APPLICANT: Bureau of Land Management

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION We received an application for the renewal of ROW Grant COC-29333 issued for an above ground stock use ¾ inch plastic water pipeline. The ROW Grant was originally granted on 7/20/1983 and has recently expired. An amendment was completed on 1998 to relocate the water pipeline but the permittee decided not to relocate it. The water pipeline is located in its original location as described on the current ROW Grant. The width of the grant is 20 feet and the length is 1320 feet.

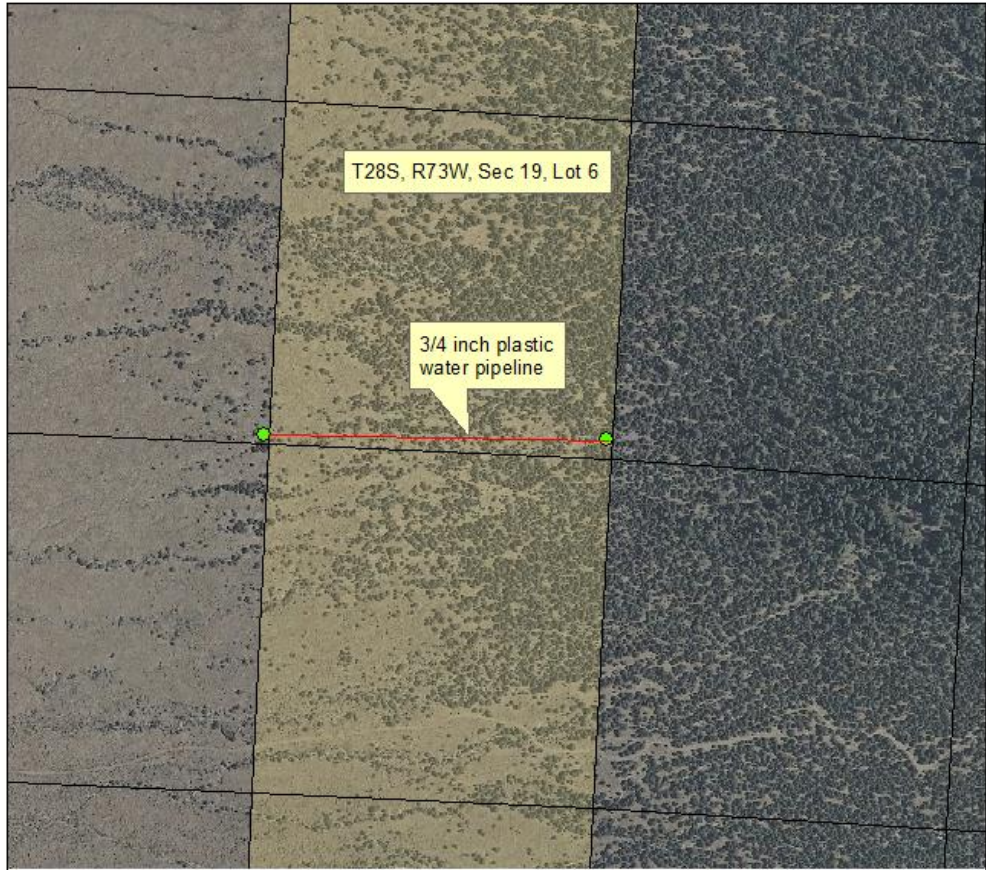
PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The Proposed Action is subject to and has been reviewed for conformance with (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM 1617.3) the following plan:

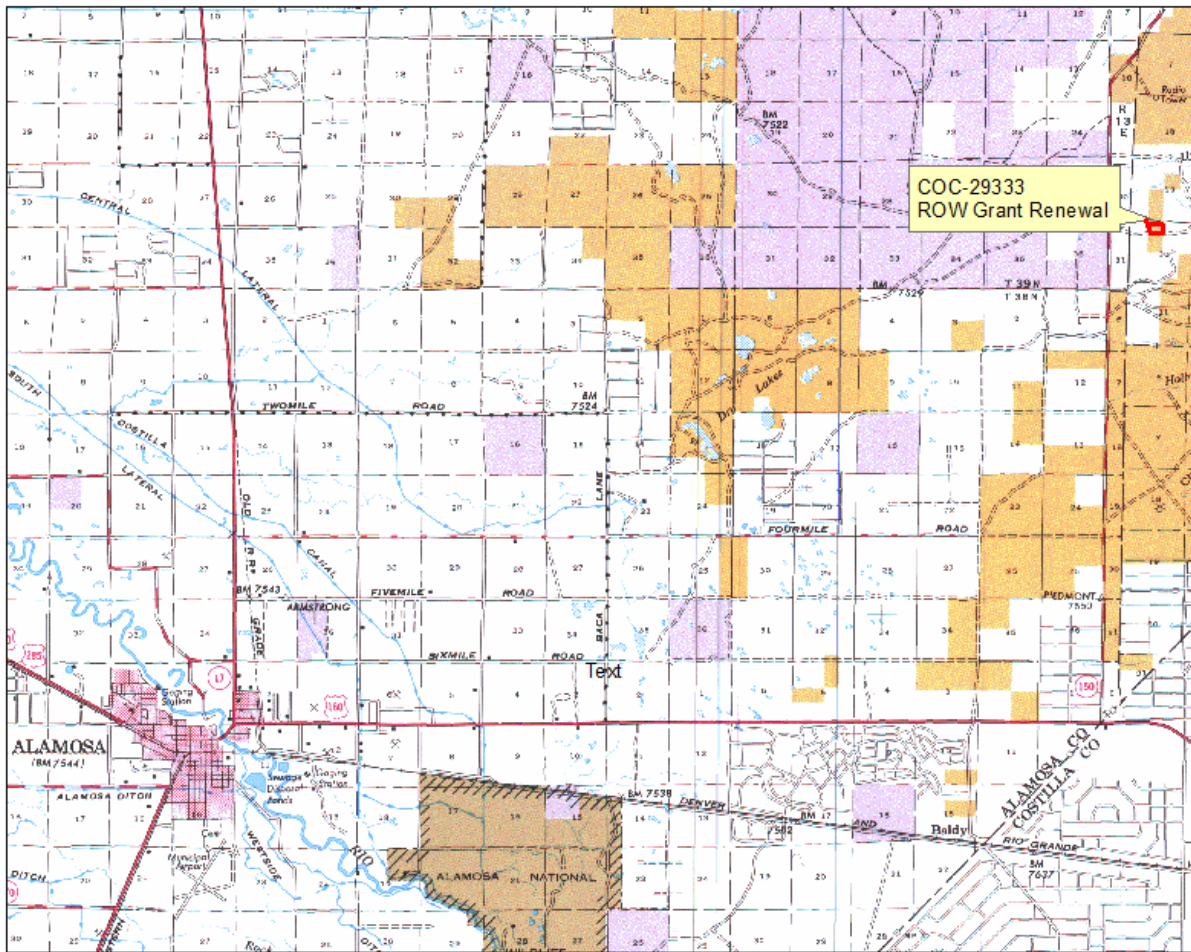
Name of Plan: San Luis Resource Management Plan

Date Approved: December 18, 1991

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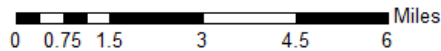
Decision Language: All other BLM lands will be open to rights-of-ways for other utility lines, roads, etc... and each request will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for alignment and mitigation stipulations





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Jeff White ROW Grant Renewal

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW: This proposed action is listed as a Categorical Exclusion in DOI Departmental Manual Part 516 Chapter 11 E (9). None of the following exceptions in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

Exclusion Criteria	YES	NO
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		X
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; lands with wilderness characteristics; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands; floodplains; national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		X
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.		X
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.		X
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		X
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations.		X
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites.		X
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species.		X

INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM REVIEW			
NAME	TITLE	AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	Initials/date
Alyssa Radcliff	Wildlife Biologist	Terrestrial Wildlife, T&E, Migratory Birds, Invasive Plants	AR 09/03/2013
Melissa Shawcroft	Range Management	Range Management	MS 9/9/13
Sue Swift-Miller/Jill Lucero	Wildlife Biologist	Wetlands/Fisheries	JRL 08/29/13
Eduardo Duran	NRS	Riparian, T&E Plant species, Prime and Unique Farmland, Vegetation	ED 8/29/2013
Andrew Archuleta	Physical Scientist	Minerals	AA 9/17/2013
Negussie Tedela	Hydrologist	Hydrology, Water Quality/Rights, Soils, Air Quality	NT 09/03/13
Sean Hines/Leon Montoya	Cadastral Surveyor	Cadastral Survey	LM 08/29/2013
Sean Noonan	Outdoor Recreation Planner	Recreation, Wilderness, LWCs, Visual, ACEC, W&S Rivers,	SN 08/26/2013
Martin Weimer	NEPA Coordinator	Environmental Justice, Noise, SocioEconomics	mw, 9/24/13
Jeff Brown	Archaeologist	Cultural, Native American	JGB 8-26-13
Leon Montoya	Realty Specialist	Lands & Realty/Waste/Hazmat	LM 08/26/2013

REMARKS:

Cultural Resources:

As there is to be no ground disturbing activity as a result of the renewal, there are no cultural resource concerns. A stipulation requiring that the BLM be notified of any future changes, maintenance, repairs or upgrades to the pipeline requiring ground disturbance should be included in the renewal grant in order to protect cultural or historic resources.

Native American Religious Concerns: There are no known Native American concerns within the Area of potential Effect (APE).

COMPLIANCE PLAN (optional):

NAME OF PREPARER: Leon Montoya

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Martin Weimer

DATE: 9/24/13

DECISION AND RATIONALE: I have reviewed this Categorical Exclusion and have decided to implement the Proposed Action.

This action is listed in the Department Manual as an action that may be categorically excluded. I have evaluated the action relative to the 10 criteria listed above and have determined that it does not represent an exception and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further environmental analysis.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:

/s/ Andrew Archuleta
Andrew Archuleta, Field Office Manager

DATE SIGNED: 9/24/13